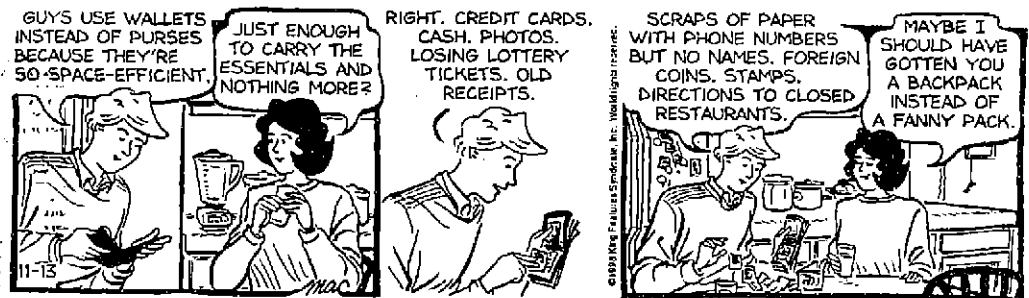


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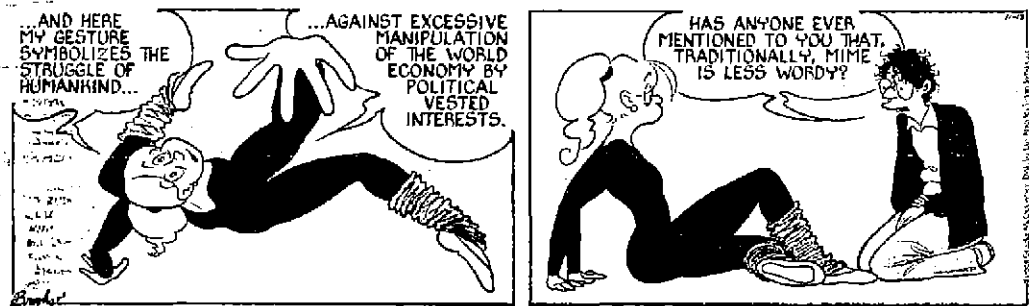
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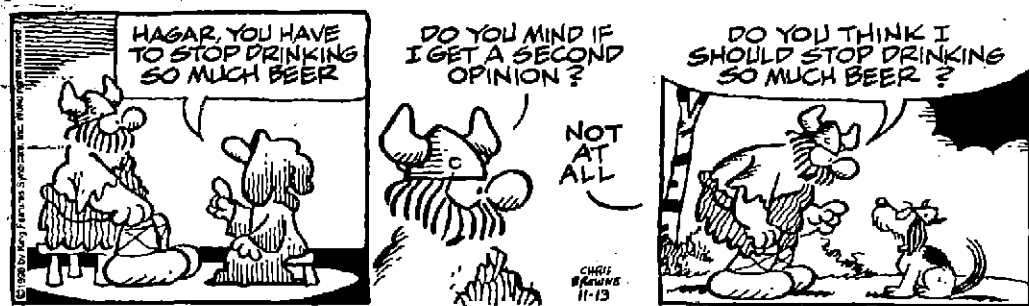
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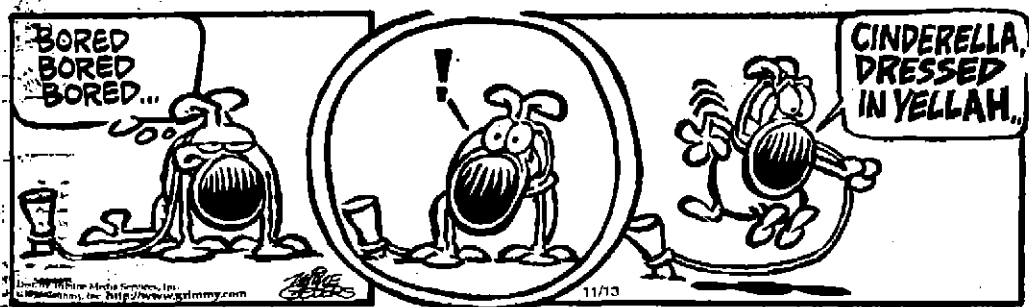
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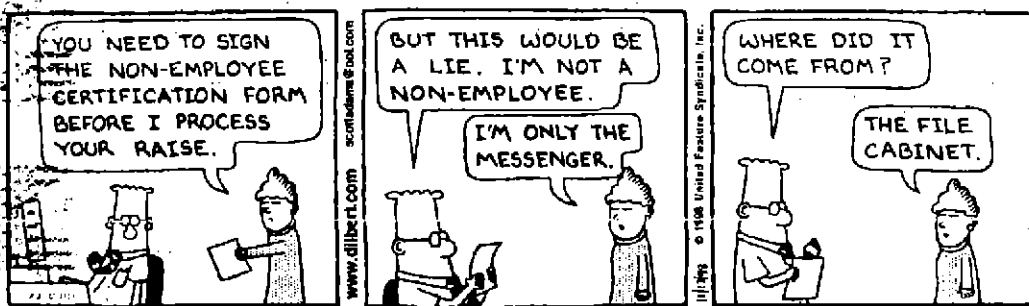
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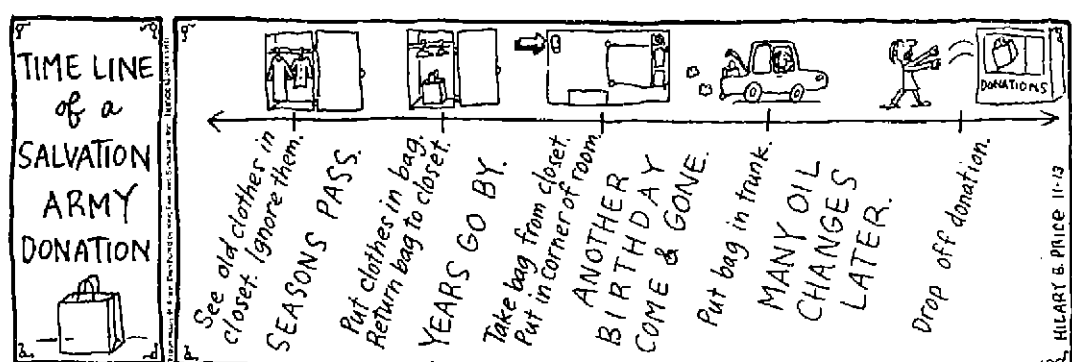
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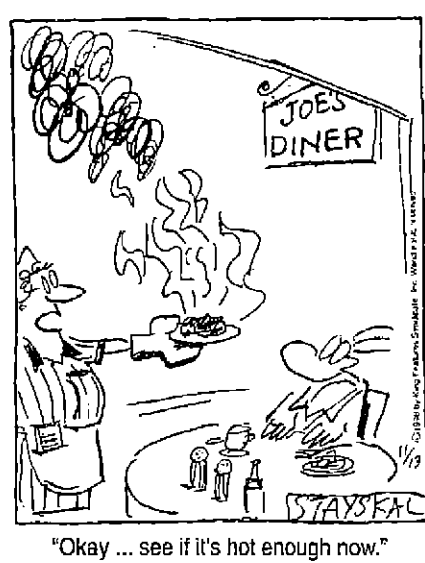
FAMILY CIRCUS



RYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Jack Elam is 82. Actress Madeleine Sherwood is 76. Actor Richard Mulligan is 66. Producer-director Garry Marshall is 64. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 52. Actor Joe Mantegna is 51. Actress-comedian Whoopi Goldberg is 43. Actress Tracy Scoggins is 39. Rock musician Walter Kibby (Fishbone) is 34.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. Grid contains letters: H, R, E, U, T, F, R, A, C, T, G, I, S, I, Y, L, H, L, P, P, M, G, E, E, A, R, S, B. Instructions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's solution tomorrow.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Nov. 14, 1998. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Called upon to use your good sense, you impress someone deeply with your grace under pressure. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Something's just about to pop and will leave you refreshed. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Dust off that tired old charm you've been doling out and really turn it on for a loved one. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Keeping the home fires burning is what concerns you most today. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Blissful harmony is your lot today, and you couldn't be happier. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Cautious Virgo might surprise with an impulsive buy, something romantic and delicious. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) With the moon in your own sign, you can hardly take a wrong step. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) For once you're feeling trapped in a decision that has to be made. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Light activities are best for you today — reading the paper, doing little household chores, dealing with bills. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Enjoy an evening at a meeting or event where you could meet others in your line of work. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Someone will strike up a conversation with you in a place you wouldn't normally go. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Signing legal documents is unwise today.

WORD SLEUTH

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Thursday's unlisted clue: CHH CHI Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: KEPT HIDDEN FROM KNOWLEDGE

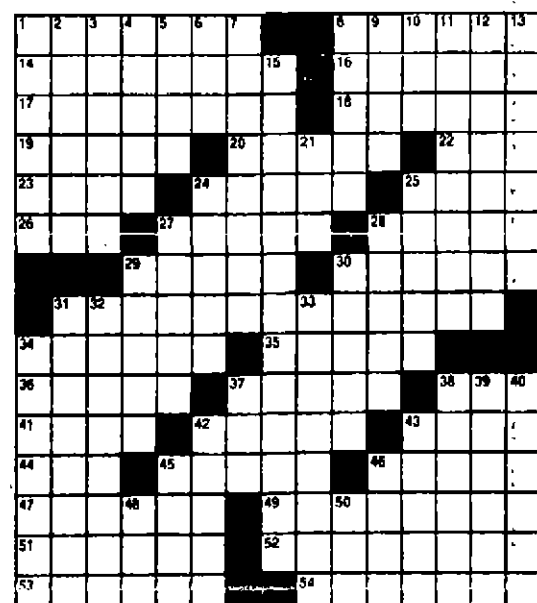
ACES

By Bobby Wolff The negative double is a common competitive tool used by most tournament players. After an overcall, opener's partner's double is not for penalties; instead, it promises interest in the unbid suits. Depending on the bidding level, the strength required is usually 7-10 HCP, with responder having no other descriptive bid available. Hiding his disappointment with dummy, South bravely inserted dummy's club queen and discarded a diamond when it held. Another diamond went on dummy's club ace, and it was now time for the critical play. South led the trump 10 to his jack, but success was temporary. When the king didn't drop under South's ace, South had to lose three more red-suit tricks, sending the game one down. At trick three, a better and more successful plan is to run the heart 10 instead of the spade 10. Why? It is not enough to find East with the trump king. For the play to succeed, the king must drop either singleton or doubleton. But if East has the heart jack, the game will probably make whether East has J-x, J-x-x or J-x-x-x. Partners are notorious for getting us into things, but only we can climb out.

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- ACROSS 1 Musical with the song "Why Should I Wake Up?" 8 Drape 14 Hero-worships 16 Consumed flakes 17 Situation, informally 18 Site of Atatürk's mausoleum 19 New Mexico state player 20 Lift up 22 Whack 23 It may be on the house 24 Traffic 26 Some traps 28 Settler's building material 29 Maggie's building material 30 Take a stab (at) 31 Andy Warhol subject 32 Northern 33 Saw the sights? 34 Broke off 37 "Stormy Weather" composer 38 Break 41 A long time 42 Like some punk hairdos 43 Mendelssohn's "Fingal's —" 44 Slew 45 Particle displacement symbols, in physics 46 Deduces, with "out" 47 It may be crazy 48 Anticlimax 51 Montreal, for one 52 1950's to today 53 "Treatise on Money" author 54 Gymnastics coach, often



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE GENTLE AWOL FILM ARENA KIWI ASIA PORCUPINEQUILLS SOO INK UVRAYS MIX SEEP PREMIUMQUALITY RIO REPOUR AWEE ANGIE SLA DYING STEW THAWER LEO PATCHWORKQUILT LOOT UMA INSULT YOU MEA MINDYOUNGANDOS ALOE NAME ROGUE NEWS ELAN STEAM

25 Kind of dog 27 Jazz chord 28 Chambermaid's charge 29 Plain lack 30 Snug 31 Ferret look-alike 32 With fire 33 Wimps 34 Coffeehouse poet 37 Well-chosen 38 Eye in awe 39 Requite 40 Bug 41 Telegraphs 42 Break the Tenth Commandment 43 Time 44 Like the Normandie, stylistically 45 Charleson of "Chariots of Fire" 46 Downy surface

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